

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 26, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner Rick Hall
Commissioner A. Johnson
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Bart Smith
Mike Nunley Lynn Duke
Dan Goode Lois Miller
Alan Miller Truman Jones
Dana Blair Roger Allen
Mary Schneider Tracy Hill
Mike Phillips Regina Nelson
Randy White Larry Farley
Sonya Stephenson
Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

LaVERGNE RESCUE SQUAD REPORT:

Dana Blair presented the LaVergne Rescue Squad report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Peay, to accept the LaVergne Rescue Squad report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

UPDATE ON PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS:

Mayor Burgess, Lois Miller and Larry Farley addressed the Committee updating the status of procuring property and casualty insurance for the volunteer fire departments and rescue squads. Several months ago a meeting was held with the various chiefs asking for issues and needs. Topics included help with insurance costs, training, etc. The Committee was provided a proposal worked on by the County Insurance Department to help the fire departments with insurance costs and increasing benefits. The proposal is with ESIP which is an "A" rated company. The proposal provides for coverage equal to or better than the coverage currently in place and includes \$5,000,000 liability instead of the current \$1,000,000. To get the price as quoted, all volunteer fire departments must participate and the rescue squads can participate if they choose. The proposal as presented represents a 34% savings. Meetings are to be held with the different departments explaining the coverages and to answer questions.

DRUG COURT REPORT:

Mary Schneider presented the Drug Court report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the Drug Court report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

WHEEL TAX OFFICER'S REPORT:

Bart Smith next presented the Wheel Tax Officer's report for the use and information of the Committee. Mr. Smith advised the County previously passed a tarp law. MBI, a subsidiary of the new owner of the landfill, tarps its in-bound trucks but says it cannot tarp out-bound because to tarp the truck someone has to walk on top of the load. The MBI representative said they wash out the out-bound trucks so there should be no litter. Mr. Smith advised he would be watching for these trucks. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve the Wheel Tax Officer's report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee inquired since there is a new owner of the landfill, would the new owner honor the agreement on radioactive waste. Mayor Burgess advised he had a meeting with the new owners and would determine if they will honor the agreement. If the new owner decides to accept radioactive waste it must make application to the State who in turn notifies the County. The Committee discussed again having legislation introduced by the State to ban radioactive waste.

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve the Ambulance Service reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nunley next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$127,027 from Account #101-39000 (Undesignated Fund Balance) with \$118,000 to Account #101-55130-169 (Part Time Personnel); \$7,316 to Account #101-55130-201 (Social Security) and \$1,711 to Account #101-55130-212 (Employer Medicare). Mr. Nunley advised his department has had an unusual number of employees on FMLA this year and have had to utilize more part-time personnel. Although he needs more money to cover the part-time personnel, his department will take internal measures to make up the balance of the deficiency including use of administrative staff and the transport team, not purchasing some equipment such as the CO2 monitor and limiting SORT training. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve the budget amendment of \$127,027 from Account #101-39000 (Undesignated Fund Balance) with \$118,000 to Account #101-

55130-169 (Part Time Personnel); \$7,316 to Account #101-55130-201 (Social Security) and \$1,711 to Account #101-55130-212 (Employer Medicare). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Nunley next presented a proposed budget amendment increasing Account #101-43990 (Other Charges for Services) by \$7,010; increasing Account #101-55130-187 (Overtime Payroll) by \$5,820; increasing Account #101-55130-201 (Social Security) by \$360; increasing Account #101-55130-204 (Retirement) by \$743 and increasing Account #101-55130-212 (Medicare) by \$86. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the budget amendment increasing Account #101-43990 (Other Charges for Services) by \$7,010; increasing Account #101-55130-187 (Overtime Payroll) by \$5,820; increasing Account #101-55130-201 (Social Security) by \$360; increasing Account #101-55130-204 (Retirement) by \$743 and increasing Account #101-55130-212 (Medicare) by \$86. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Alan Miller presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee advising they have begun accepting female inmates and have worked the incorrectly classified inmates down to 6 or 8. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Miller next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$1,750 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment/Machinery Parts) and \$1,750 from Account #101-54220-499 (Other Supplies/Materials) with \$3,500 to Account #101-54220-334 (Maintenance Agreements). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the budget amendment of \$1,750 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment/Machinery Parts) and \$1,750 from Account #101-54220-499 (Other Supplies/Materials) with \$3,500 to Account #101-54220-334 (Maintenance Agreements). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Miller next presented a letter regarding appointment of a Work Release Committee with the corresponding statute advising he was requesting authority to appoint said committee consisting of Mrs. Frances Mosby (Board Member), Sgt Michele McMurry (Work Release Coordinator) and Lt. Bernard Salandy (Sheriff's Department). The work release program allows inmates to retain their employment and continue to support their families and pay fines and court costs. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to authorize the Superintendent to appoint the Work Release Committee initially composed of Mrs. Frances Mosby (RCCWC Board Member), Sgt. Michele McMurry (RCCWC Work Release Coordinator) and Lt. Bernard Salandy (RCSO). This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Truman Jones and Regina Nelson presented the Sheriff's Department report first presenting a proposed budget amendment increasing Account #54210-354 (Other Transports) \$20,000 with \$1,830 from Account #54110-334 (Maintenance Agreements); \$1,225 from Account

#54110-186 (Longevity); \$8,934 from Account #54110-187 (Overtime); \$5,000 from Account #54110-199 (Other Per Diem); \$1,000 from Account #54110-196 (In Service); \$1,000 from Account #54110-312 (Other Contracts) and \$1,000 from Account #54110-336 (Maintenance Repair Equi) and amending \$5,000 from Account #101-39000 (General Fund) to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies). Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the budget amendment increasing Account #54210-354 (Other Transports) \$20,000 with \$1,830 from Account #54110-334 (Maintenance Agreements); \$1,225 from Account #54110-186 (Longevity); \$8,934 from Account #54110-187 (Overtime); \$5,000 from Account #54110-199 (Other Per Diem); \$1,000 from Account #54110-196 (In Service); \$1,000 from Account #54110-312 (Other Contracts) and \$1,000 from Account #54110-336 (Maintenance Repair Equi) and amending \$5,000 from Account #101-39000 (General Fund) to Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next provided the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Roger Allen and Larry Farley presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Allen first presented the 2008 UASI contract with a breakdown of how the allocated money will be spent. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to accept the 2008 UASI contract in the amount of \$283,841 and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next provided a copy of an agreement from 1990 with the volunteer fire departments as well as a copy of an updated agreement which requires copies of certain information, minimum ISO ratings and training requirements in exchange for money from the County. An agreement has been drafted for the rescue squads as well. The Committee requested a change that responders be required to meet minimum training requirements and not all members because this would include supporters who may only help with fundraisers. Additionally, a change will be made to the rescue squad agreement to meet TARS requirements rather than ISO requirements. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to authorize execution of the agreements as amended to include responders be required to meet minimum training requirements instead of all members and changing training requirements in the rescue squad agreement to meet TARS requirements. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Allen next advised the background check system used by the Ambulance Service is cheaper than the system used by the Sheriff's Department and will work just as well. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to use the same quality company as the Ambulance Service uses for background checks to test everyone in the volunteer fire departments with the exception of junior firefighters. This motion passed by acclamation with Commissioner Peay voting "no"."

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to reconsider the prior motion. This motion passed by acclamation with Commissioner Shafer voting "no"."

Commissioner Peay advised he voted no because most volunteers are well known in the organization and this was an unnecessary cost. Chairman Farley advised he felt the background check was needed because one squad had a pedophile for years and did nothing about the situation.

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to affirm the original motion to do background checks on all members except junior firefighters. This motion passed by acclamation with Commissioner Peay voting "no"."

Larry Farley advised some chiefs have inquired who will see the background checks. Mr. Allen advised per statute, whoever requests the background check will get the report.

PAWS REPORT:

Tracy Hill presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DRAFT MEETING NOTICE FOR REVIEW OF 09/10 BUDGETS:

Chairman Farley provided a draft meeting notice setting forth three different meeting dates with the different departments for review of 09/10 budgets. There was no objection to the meeting notice as presented but #7 Rutherford Rescue Squad on February 23 should be moved to #1. Additionally, General Sessions Judges and Judicial Commissioners are not on the lists. The County Mayor will check to determine if these offices need to report and if they do they will be put on March 16.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman